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Title: Apparatus for Severing, ) Our Cust. No.: 22827  
Carrying, or Winding a Web )  
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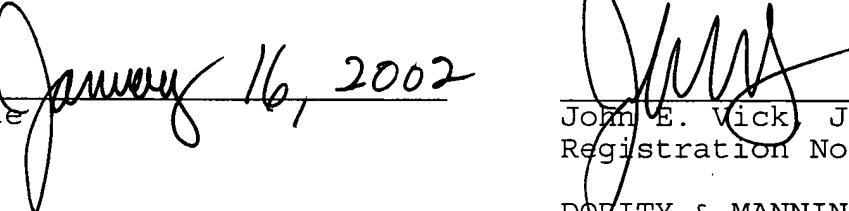
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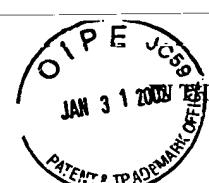
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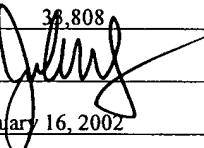
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